Worksheet - Week #5

1. When were African-Americans no longer disqualified from voting because of race ?

How was this accomplished ?

2. What was the purpose of the Voting Rights Act of 1965?

Why was this legislation necessary?

3. What does (a) Section 2 and (b) Section 5, of the Voting Rights Act provide?

Why was Section 4 of that Act essential for the functioning of Section 5?

4. Summarize the reasoning of the Shelby County (a) majority opinion, and (b) the dissent

5. How did the decision in Shelby County v. Holder affect

(a) Section 2

(b)Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act?

6. Why is case-by-case litigation of voting rights violations an ineffective way toprevent voting discrimination ?